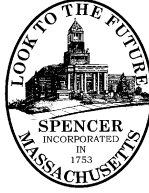


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**Minutes of Meeting held April 8, 2014**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" X. White  
Lawrence "Larry" H. Dufault  
Michael "Mike" J. Mercadante

Sewer staff present: Mark Robidoux, Supt  
Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

1. Read and accepted minutes for March 11 and March 25, 2014.
2. Signed monthly commitment for Septage Fees.
3. Sign quarterly commitment.
4. Superintendent Mark Robidoux Reports:
  - Monthly Monitoring Report
  - Monthly Operations Report(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)
5. Charlie's Diner: Owner is adding a Function Room (80 seats) and a Lounge (60 seats). Sewer Commissioners reviewed a plan and would like to meet with the owner at the next meeting.
6. ATM Article: Sewer will be transferring \$5,956 of retained earnings to balance FY15 budget.
7. Sewer System Upgrades: Electrical bid opening is April 16 and General bid opening is April 30, 2014.
8. Flexcon: Discussed phosphorus in their discharge. South Spencer Road facility has about 300 people per shift during weekdays and they contribute to the phosphorus being discharged. Flexcon is still trying to find other sources and will sample their process boiler (not for heat). Sewer Commissioners would like Flexcon to test during normal work days and then test on weekends when office staff is minimal. Flexcon is also requesting permission to discharge compressor condensate after treatment using an oil separator. Mark told the commissioners that it can be allowed providing the oil is reduced to  $\leq 40$  ppm.

9. MassDOT- Rt9 Project: Mark suggested getting a proposal from Wright-Pierce to review the sewer pipe and manholes on Main Street to determine what to do and an associated cost estimate. Sewer will video inspect the sewer lines with the new robotic CCTV pipe inspection camera. Funding will have to come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The Town is seeking funding to replace sewer pipe and manholes on Mechanic St. from Main St. to Chestnut St. through a CDBG.
10. NPDES Permit: QQLA is showing a letter report by ESS Group to EPA and MassDEP that takes offense with the WWTP wetland beds operation, seepage along the seven mile river bank, unnamed streams and phosphorus & nitrogen discharges. Wright Pierce will do a rebuttal letter and include the Phosphorus TMDL. Other permit concerns are collection system I&I, lead, copper and aluminum permit limits. A decision may be forthcoming regarding the continued use of the wetland beds.
11. Grant Street Sewer Line: Water Dept. is replacing their water lines starting in early May 2014. Most sewer pipes are old clay pipes. Sewer needs to video inspect the pipes to determine their condition. This will not be done before the water replacement work. Larry suggested that we inspect the pipe after we get the camera equipment and if there are bad sections, we could repair those before paving.
12. Barber's Crossing Tight Tank: Mark asked the Sewer Commissioners if they were willing to lower the disposal fee of \$60/1000 gallons to \$45/1000 gallons. BOD5 test results averaged 250 mg/L (domestic wastewater). The wastewater is from the restaurant's bathrooms. Kitchen wastes have a separate tank and leach field. The Sewer Commissioners want to keep the pricing the way it is now.
13. 18 Brown Street: Requesting abatement on late fees. Sewer Commissioners did not abate the late fees.
14. 9 Holmes Street: Requesting abatement on sewer because of a water leak. Sewer Commissioners want proof of the water leak, before they will make a decision.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm, motion by Larry, seconded by Frank, and in favor, Mike.